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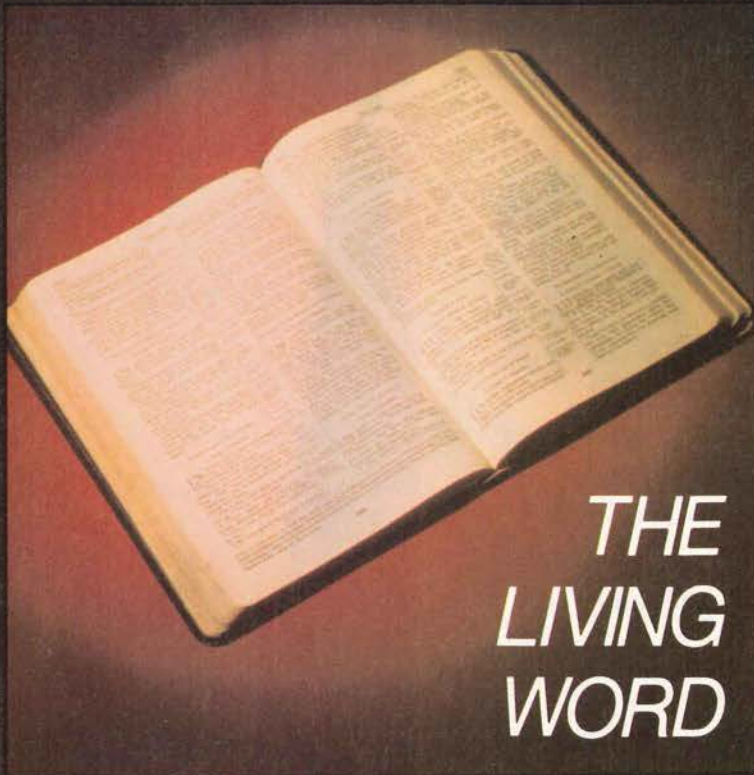
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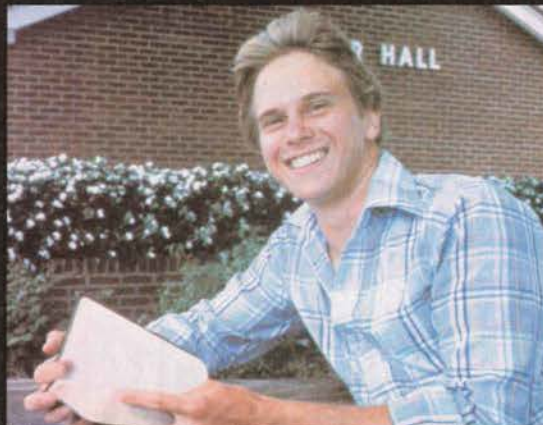
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"... the things that  
thou hast heard from me  
among many witnesses,  
the same commit thou to  
faithful men,  
who shall be able  
to teach others also."  
2 Timothy 2:2

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**Front Cover:**

The miracle of God's Word is that it is as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago. No matter where one goes, the Bible spans time and cultural barriers, meeting the needs of people everywhere.

**Back Cover:**

The verse by William Cowper aptly illustrates the ability of the inspired Word to transcend age differences, giving light to both young and old. (Photos by Stan Seevers and Barbara Beikert)

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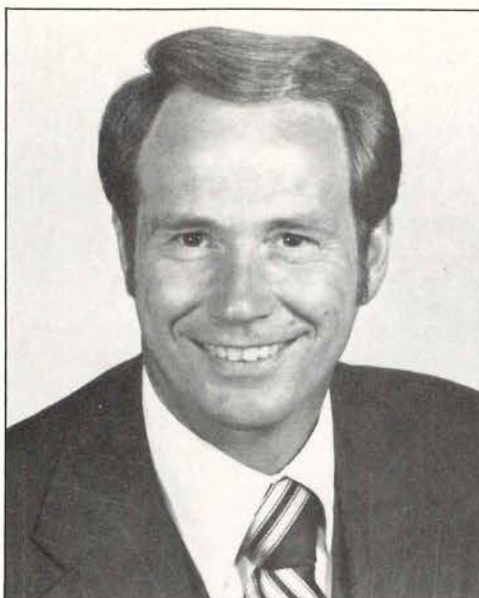
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## THE BOOK OF BOOKS

**S**ale of Christian books, according to George Gallup, is the second fastest growing industry in America.

In 1977, 2752 religious bookstores operated in this country. One new Christian bookstore opens every day. Sales of Christian books now total \$600 million annually, states John Bass, executive vice president of the Christian Booksellers Association.

These facts are most encouraging and exciting. If leaders are readers, then I add that so are maturing Christians. We as parents must be lovers of books.

We also have a responsibility to influence our children to read good Christian literature. Note the emphasis on *good*. I agree with John Ruskin, who said, "Life being very short, and the quiet hours of it few, we ought to waste none of them in reading valueless books."

I can personally testify that, as a new Christian in my freshman year of college, my life was challenged and changed through profitable reading. I am grateful for that early exposure to R. A. Torrey's *The Power of Prayer*, An Autobiography by Charles G. Finney, *Through Gates of Splendor* and *Shadow of the Almighty* by Elizabeth Elliot, *Borden of Yale* by Mary G. Taylor, Hudson Taylor's

*Spiritual Secret* and many others.

This issue of *Torch* is designed to help you with your knowledge of books and the building of a personal library. I must add a note of warning. No book by any author can replace the Bible, the Book of Books.

We must beware lest we allow our commentaries, devotional guides and Bible story books to take the place of our direct meditation on the Scriptures. This is a very real danger for all of us. It is usually much easier to read a book about the Bible than to study it for ourselves.

John Ruskin said, "All books are divisible into two classes: the books of the hour, and the books of all time." That being true, then, the Bible is the one Book for eternity.

At Cedarville College we stand on the foundational principle of the inerrancy of the Scriptures. This is supported without apology by all our trustees, administrators, faculty and staff. Our goal is to instill in our students the desire to be readers and lovers of books—especially the Book of Books.

We have truly an outstanding Christian bookstore. We would be happy to be of service to you, your family and your church in providing Bibles and books.



# Built on a Firm Foundation

## *THE NECESSITY FOR PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY*

Donald A. Parvin

**C**hristian, do you enjoy Bible study?

Parents, are your children enjoying Bible study?

Teachers, are your students in Sunday School enjoying Bible study?

Successful personal Bible study is the foundation to other forms of Bible study and teaching. Christians who have effective personal Bible study will enrich the lives of their children in family altar. Likewise, those Christians will be called upon to teach the Word of God in local churches.

God used approximately 60 men during 1600 years to record His Word, totally free of error in the original autographs. You may rely completely upon its truth as the very Word of God. The Bible changes lives of Christians as well as non-Christians. The results of personal,

family and group Bible study are exciting!

Work and response are two keys to profitable Bible study.

Personal Bible study must be a matter of "do or die" for a Christian if he intends to succeed. You must plan without fail to have your daily appointment alone with God. You must begin with determination each day that, by the Grace of God, this is going to take priority in your life.

Once you discover the practical value of Bible study and have its words etched deeply in your mind and heart, you will not ever want to cancel your appointment with God and His Word.

Response is the second key to successful personal Bible study. The Scriptures teach that spiritual truth will come to be known only as you







give heed to it (Psalm 1:2, 3). God will not reveal new truth to us until we accept and act on that which we already know.

Some practical suggestions to assist you in keeping your daily appointment with God include:

- Select a time and place that are private and quiet.
- Be sure you are rested and alert.
- As you begin, pray either quietly or aloud for God to teach you what He wants you to learn for today.
- Don't restrict yourself to a set number of verses or chapters. Be flexible.
- Keep a notebook handy to make notes for review and for the benefit of others, such as your family.
- When you read a particular verse that really impresses you, meditate upon it, memorize it and review it

often that day.

• Don't be rushed by the clock. Being pressured by insufficient time robs you of concentration, meditation and learning. Allow yourself plenty of time for Bible study and prayer.

Don't fret about whether you can continue doing this for the rest of your life. Make up your mind that, each day as it comes, you have an appointment with God and let nothing keep you from meeting with Him.

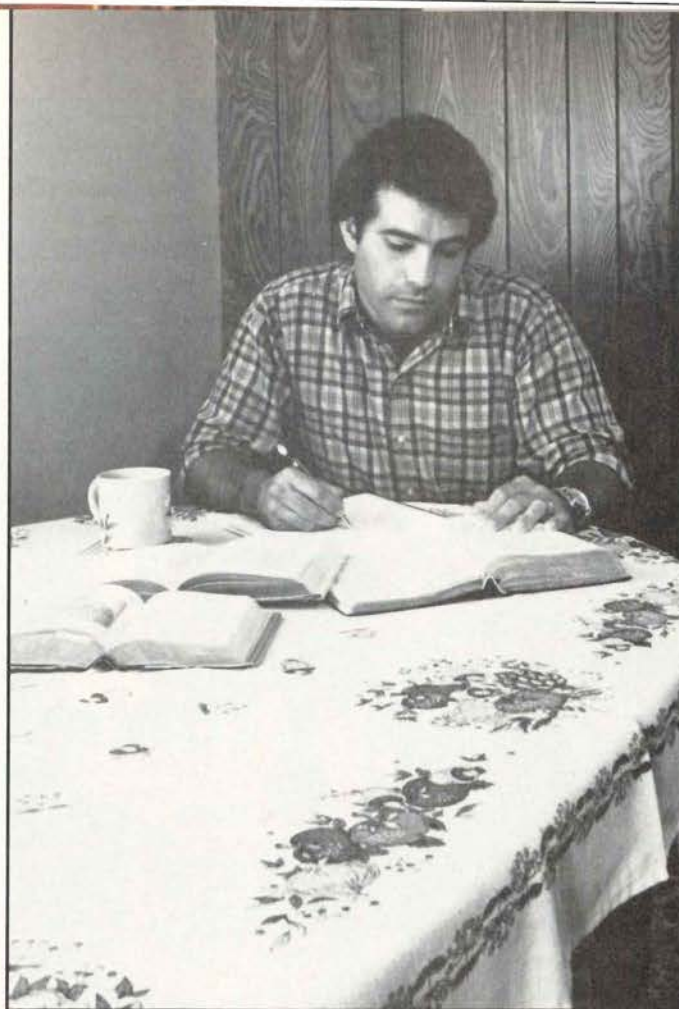
Where should you begin? Many new Christians find Old and New Testament survey courses in Sunday School or through correspondence helpful. These courses give an invaluable overview of the Bible. For those living near a Bible institute or Christian college, enrolling in survey courses would be another option.

In addition to these suggestions, Christian bookstores have excellent books to assist you in studying the Old and New Testaments or specific books in the Bible. We are taught to compare Scripture with Scripture (I Cor. 2:10-13). A knowledge of the whole is the greatest safeguard to the interpretation of any part.

After the survey courses, you will want to study certain books in depth. The Gospel of John has been the book most often recommended for new Christians. In addition, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians and Philippians contain superb truth to help you realize what you are as a Christian, what has been accomplished for you by Christ and how you have been equipped to walk with Christ in this life.

After you have studied these





books, the next book that will give you a summary of Christian doctrine is the book of Romans. Here you will find great satisfaction in knowing how you were justified, and you will be greatly comforted by the assurance of God's sovereignty and love for you as demonstrated in Christ's death.

When you learn from the Gospel of John the great truth of everlasting life and the eternal security of the believer, you will not snatch a verse from Romans 11 out of context and think that a believer can fall from his safe estate. When you understand the theme of Galatians, you will not isolate the concept of falling from grace in chapters one and three and apply it to your salvation. Instead, you will see it as a departure from the teaching of grace.

As you grow in knowledge and experience in studying the Bible, you may want to consider how to outline a passage of Scripture. Outlines help organize your thinking and enable you to see if it is reasonable and logical. A method of study that will enable you to accomplish this outline is known as the inductive study

method.

Three basic questions in this method are:

- Observation—what does the passage say?
- Interpretation—what does the passage mean?
- Application—How does the passage apply to me and what will I do about it?

Some passages in some books accommodate themselves to this approach much more easily than others. In finding the outline, look for key words such as the verbs (words of action) and then note who is to do the acting and in what direction.

For example, in Matt. 5:44 Jesus said to his disciples that they were to love, bless, do good and pray. These are all verbs of action. They were to be done by his disciples. Toward whom? Love your enemies. Bless those who curse you. Do good unto them that hate you. Pray for those who persecute you.

Here you have key words and also a key idea on how a Christian should treat his enemies. We are also told how we are to do it. If you think on this

passage long enough, you may come under conviction by reacting as follows: I don't even do this for my Christian brothers, let alone my enemies.

That is learning, and you will be a better Christian as a result.

If you were to study Genesis, chapters 1-3, note every place where God said something and did something. Underscore His evaluation of what He did, and from this, note as many things as you can that tell you things about God. It will be very rewarding.

Other factors need to be kept in mind as you study the Bible. You may need to ask questions such as "Who said it?" and "To whom is it said?"

These are two very crucial questions when studying the Old Testament. Many things were said by the prophets to Israel that are not meant for the New Testament church. For example, the Old Testament sacrifices required in Leviticus are eliminated for New Testament believers in Hebrews 7:26-28 and Hebrews 9:12.

Another question to be considered is "What are the circumstances in which this passage occurs?" For example, when the disciples were told to raise the dead and heal the sick in Matt. 10:5-10, we should keep in mind that Christ did not expect us to do this, nor does He expect us only to minister to one part of the world or to Christians only as Matt. 28:19-20 show.

You must also consider the very important question, "Is the language figurative or literal?" My rule of thumb is, "If plain sense makes good sense, seek no other sense."

We can easily understand the figurative meaning when Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth" in Matt. 5:13. But when Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" in Acts 1:8, He meant it literally.

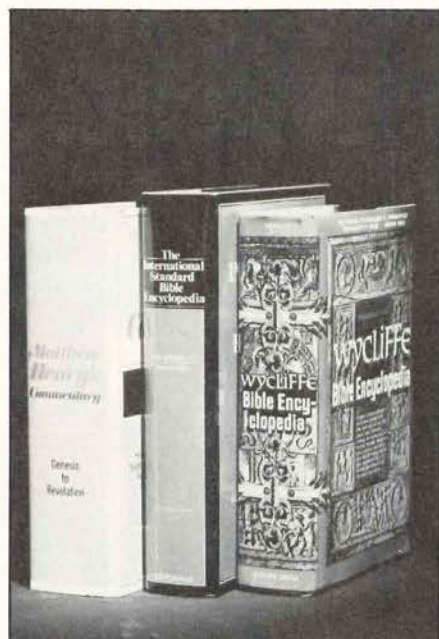
As you continue in your personal Bible study, your faith will be greatly strengthened. You will learn so much truth that you will want to share it with others, especially your physical and spiritual families.

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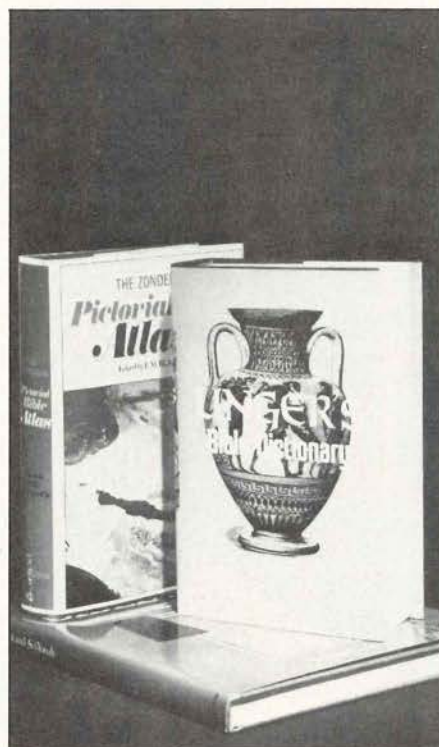
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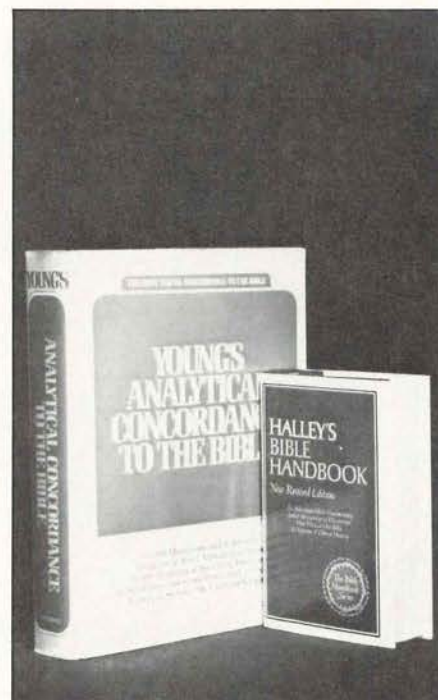
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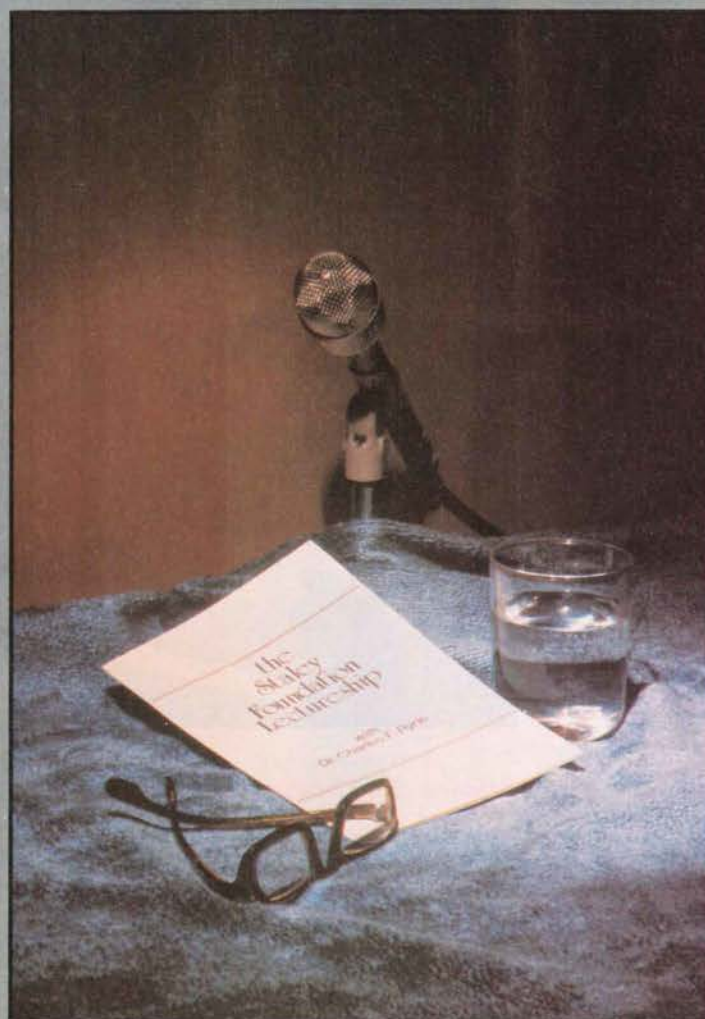


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	Bill Compton, Evangelist
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Jan. 6-11	Annual Missionary Conference
	Dr. Allan Lewis
	Dr. Quentin Kenoyer
	Gordon Wimer
	Gordon Sears & Sons, Music
Feb. 12-13	Women's Lectureship
	Maxine Hancock
Feb. 18-20	Staley Foundation Lectureship
	Dr. Charles Ryrie
March 24-28	Spring Enrichment Week
	Joseph Stowell III
May 10	Junior Swordbearers Conference
June 7	Commencement



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| Sept. 29   | Sacred Vocal Concert<br>John and Mary Giger                        |
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| Oct. 19-20 | Homecoming   |
| Oct. 25    | Faculty Recital<br>Charles Ellington and Karl Stahl                |
| Oct. 26-27 | Prospective Student Weekend  |
| Nov. 10    | Piano Duettists<br>Weekly and Arganbright                          |
| Nov. 15-17 | Fall Drama Production  |
| Nov. 20    | Concert<br>Symphonic Band  |
| Dec. 6     | Concert<br>Columbus Boys Choir of Princeton                        |
| Jan. 11-12 | Prospective Student Weekend  |
| Feb. 15    | Concert<br>Cincinnati Conservatory of Music<br>Symphonic Orchestra |

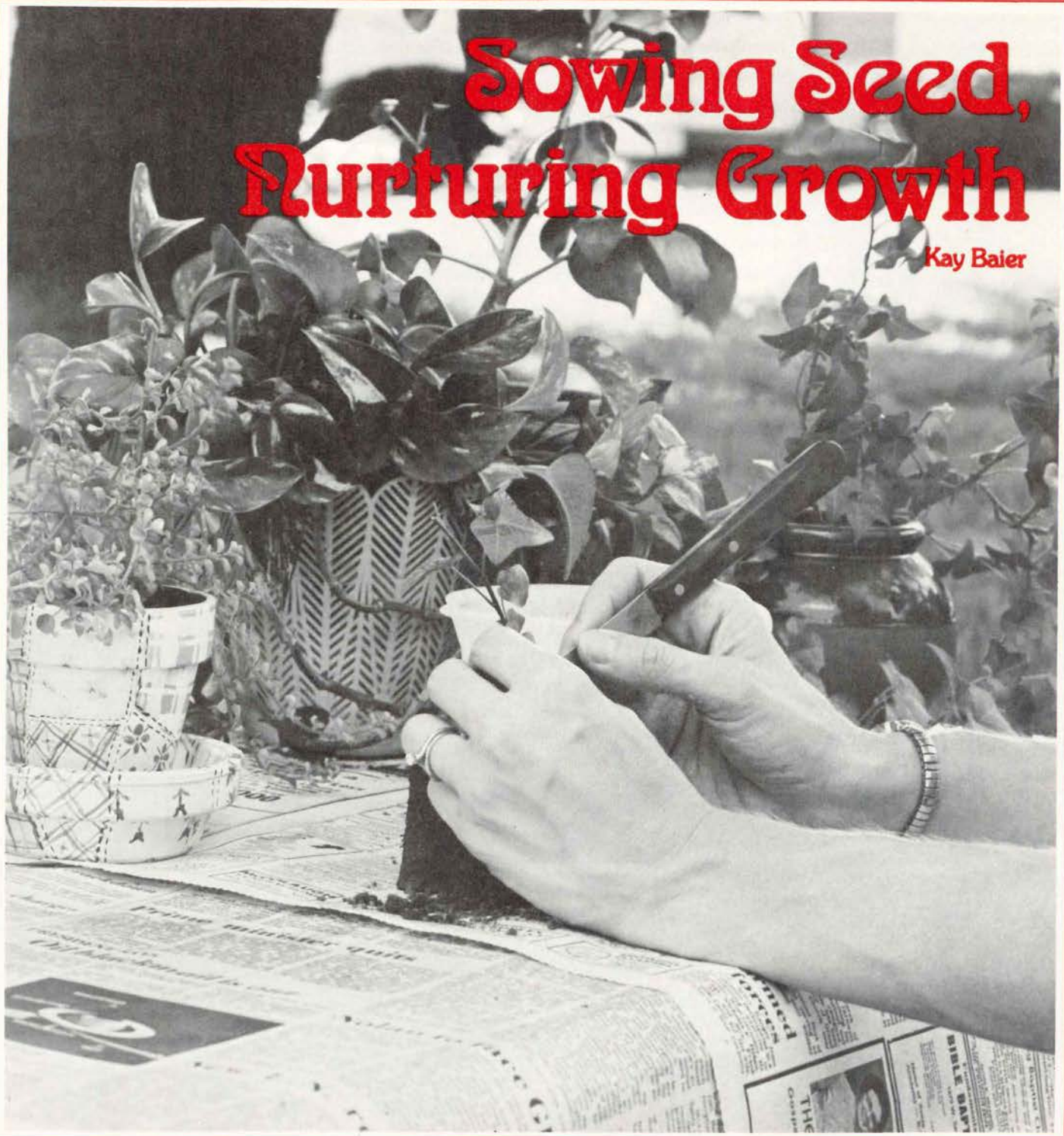
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| April 3     | Miami Valley Gabrieli<br>Music Festival |
| April 11-12 | Prospective Student Weekend             |
| April 26    | Concert<br>Jerome Hines                 |
| May 3       | Concert<br>Concert Chorale              |
| May 8-10    | Spring Drama Production                 |
| May 27      | Concert<br>Outdoor Symphonic Band       |





# Sowing Seed, Nurturing Growth

Kay Baier



**N**eighborhood Bible studies have provided one of the greatest thrills of my Christian life.

It seems a miracle that an ordinary housewife like I should see homes put back together, whole families changed into vital working members of the Christian community, or a note from an exuberant new Christian.

This letter was special because she found Christ through our

study of the Word of God in a neighborhood Bible study.

My experience with neighborhood Bible studies began when we moved to a new neighborhood. Unusually friendly neighbors obligated me with their many kindnesses, and I soon felt the prodding of the Lord to introduce them to Jesus Christ.

That first Christmas, I wrote and delivered about 40 invitations to a

Christmas tea including refreshments, a few carols and a Christmas message.

About 25 ladies came and enjoyed the opportunity to see each other during the busy season. Before they left I invited them to a Bible study beginning at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday in January.

Only two neighbors came the first week, but in a month eight came and



by June we had 12.

We announced that the Bible study was sponsored by Cedar Hill Baptist Church (Cleveland, Ohio). Free babysitting, guest missionary speakers and the advice of our pastor were all benefits of our church.

When CHBC hosted special meetings, we had a long list of possible guests as the result of our Bible study contacts.

We studied the Gospel of John, Romans, Ephesians, Genesis and prophecy during a five-year period.

At least one other member of our church acted as a back-up for the teacher and for prayer support each time we met. Our neighborhood Bible study ministry also had opportunity to work with youngsters. One lady tended toddlers and babies while their mothers studied the Scriptures. She often read them Bible stories and sang "Jesus Loves Me."

Her work was a ministry in itself and a testimony of genuine Christian love to these young mothers as they saw Jesus Christ in her.

Some studies lent themselves to using supplemental paperback books to take home. At times, we assigned "homework" by asking key questions about the chapter to be taught in the following session.

We stressed memorizing Scripture, and, when possible, new Christians were assigned to teach memory verses.

Once a year our pastor came to answer questions the ladies submitted; it was our most popular meeting. Many brought first-time visitors. As the end of the year we had a farewell luncheon with a testimony from a new Christian.

One of the most serious problems we face in our neighborhood Bible studies is seeing new Christians go off on their own to find a church. Often, convenience is the sole criteria. Many do not have the discernment to see the error in charismatic or ecumenical movements.

Close ties with the local church, perhaps conducting the Bible studies at your church during the week, and a very close one-on-one discipling program help those saved in neighborhood Bible studies establish local church identities.

The love and support only a local church can give are necessary for the spiritual life of new Christians who are often alone in their convictions within their family.

Other women in our church organized their own neighborhood groups. Several studies for couples have been quite successful. They meet on weekday evenings.

We worked in one such study with a young couple who started their home Bible study by going house to house on their street. A men's Bible study grew out of the original study when a tearful new Christian called the husband of the teacher and asked, "How will my husband ever be saved?" This really brought home the truth of Romans 10:14: "How then, shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they

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have not heard?"

The time that the men had to hear the Word of God apart from their wives proved to be a useful outreach to business and professional men.

Campus Bible Fellowship met on our patio recently for a Bible study. The spiritual tenor and interest of participating students were a great boost to my own husband's first teaching experience of a college age group.

One of these students shared her delight in a summer children's Bible study in her home with 30 children attending.

From that work, nine decisions for Christ have resulted. We plan to involve the parents of these children with an invitation to attend our church.

The demands of having a Bible study are sometimes inconvenient

and interfere with other worthwhile activities. But as the gap widens between the Christian community and the world around us, we must be willing to open our homes, our hearts, and the Word of God to show them what the Bible offers.

You need not worry about how to get started in a program which will produce results. My experience in neighborhood Bible studies began 14 years ago. A woman in our church spiritually "mothered" me through the first years of my Christian life and gave me a vision for reaching friends for Christ.

For several years, she encouraged me to be acting chairman of her Bible study, teach memory verses, be a leader for questions and answer groups and finally to teach a lesson.

She introduced me to a wealth of reference books and Bible scholars who filled a lot of the empty spaces. The excitement of having the Holy Spirit teach me while studying the Scriptures verse by verse was most satisfying.

I learned the most important lesson of my new Christian life: when you step out to do the will of God, having done all you know to prepare yourself, He will carry you beyond anything you ever thought possible.

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DISCOVERING SCRIPTURE ON YOUR OWN

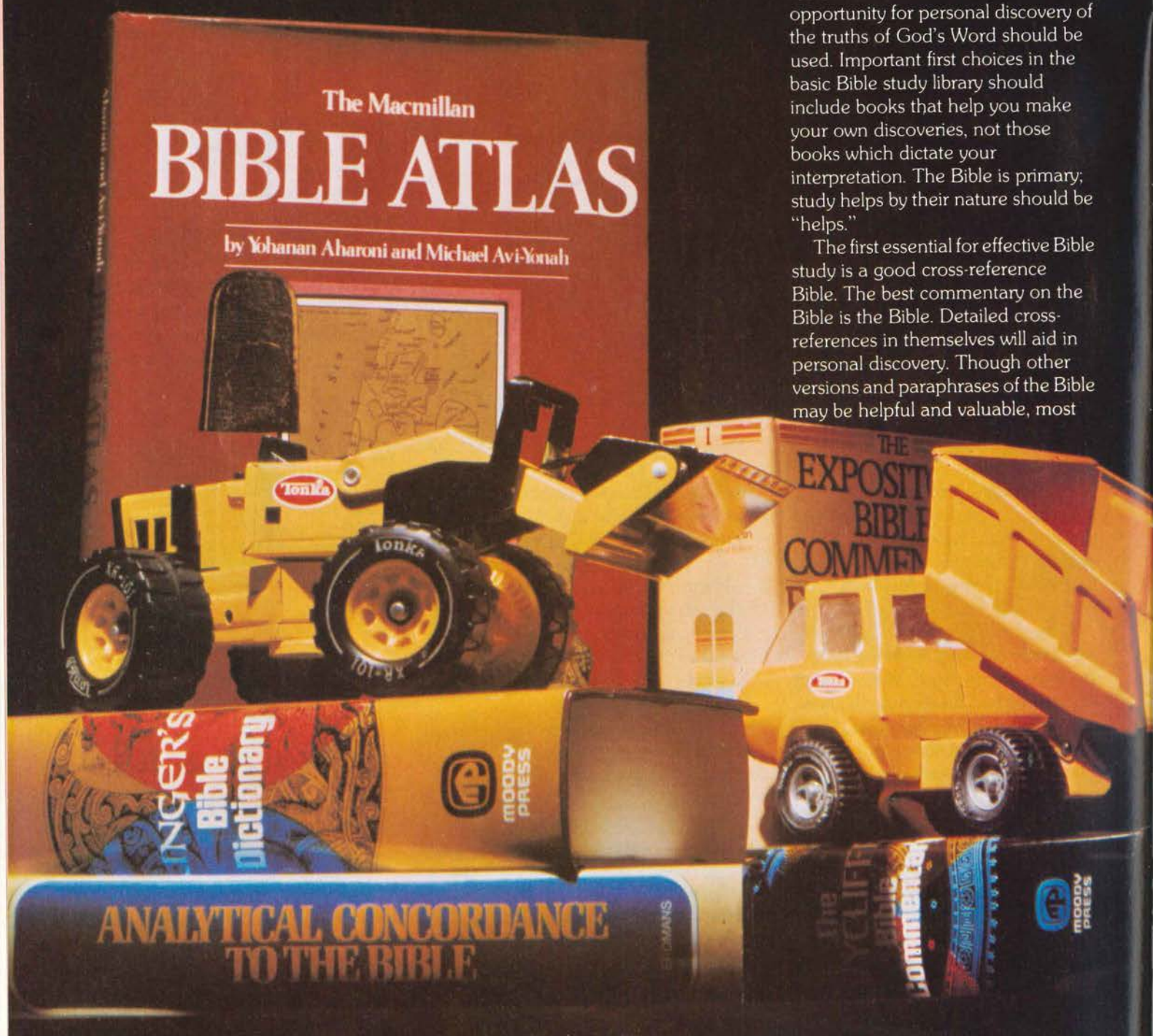
# The Right Tools for the Job

Lynn A. Brock

**A**lthough sitting under the instruction of God's Word is essential and important for spiritual growth, the value of personal discovery in the Bible often outweighs other avenues of maturing in Biblical knowledge. Regular, individual study has a greater, long-range impact on the life of the Bible student.

In personal Bible study, therefore, tools that contribute to this opportunity for personal discovery of the truths of God's Word should be used. Important first choices in the basic Bible study library should include books that help you make your own discoveries, not those books which dictate your interpretation. The Bible is primary; study helps by their nature should be "helps."

The first essential for effective Bible study is a good cross-reference Bible. The best commentary on the Bible is the Bible. Detailed cross-references in themselves will aid in personal discovery. Though other versions and paraphrases of the Bible may be helpful and valuable, most





good Bible study helps are keyed to the King James Version. Use of the authorized version would be the best place to start effective study.

Probably the most important supplemental study tool is a complete concordance of the Bible. Although small, abridged concordances such as those included in Bibles may be helpful, the exhaustive concordances offer the most potential in accurately and completely following a word, concept or theme through the Bible.

Henry Morris III, in his book *Explore the Word!*, advocates that the only Bible study help you need is a concordance. The function of exhaustive concordances is to list every word used in the English text so that the Bible student can find every use of any word. Concordances also list all the words of the original language used and provide basic meanings of all Hebrew and Greek words. Bible students with little or no knowledge of the original language can still do a fair job at word studies.

*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible* (Abingdon) and *Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible* (Eerdmans) are the two most commonly used concordances. Each has a slightly different approach to listing words, but both provide similar information. Although both are excellent concordances, those who have had little experience in their use might prefer Strong's.

Next to good exhaustive concordances, Bible dictionaries are an important part of a basic Bible study library. So much in the culture, geography, terminology and practice of Biblical times is foreign to the Bible student today that adequate explanations are necessary.

Bible dictionaries provide historical and cultural background information to understanding the meanings of some Scriptural passages. They also include introductions and outlines of each book of the Bible and basic explanations of fundamental Bible doctrines.

Two very adequate Bible dictionaries are *Unger's Bible Dictionary* (Moody) and *Zondervan's Pictorial Bible Dictionary* (Zondervan). For those who desire a

more extensive (and more expensive) treatment, multi-volume encyclopedias are available. The five-volume *Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible* (Zondervan) or the two-volume *Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia* (Moody) would be fine additions to the basic library.

Bible dictionaries include maps and geographical information, but more specialized Bible atlases are often helpful. Since much of the Bible is a text of history, geography and politics, settings are important in understanding the development of Biblical history.

Bible atlases are more than collections of maps. They provide users with summaries of historical events, geographical explanations and discussions of the relationships between geographical locations during various Biblical eras.

Good atlases will also clarify the changing configurations of political boundaries during different periods of history.

Two good Bible atlases are *Zondervan's Pictorial Atlas of the Bible* (Zondervan) and *Baker's Bible Atlas* (Baker). Both provide not only maps but also extensive geographical and historical background information. For those desiring greater detail in an atlas, the *Macmillan Bible Atlas* (Macmillan) includes more than 160 maps with accompanying discussion.

Bible handbooks are effective tools for providing basic background material in easy-to-use formats. Because Bible dictionaries are arranged alphabetically, you as a Bible student may sometimes have difficulty in finding a topic because you don't know under which word to look.

Bible handbooks alleviate this problem somewhat because they are arranged according to the books of the Bible. These inexpensive Bible study helps combine some of the information in a dictionary with the chapter-by-chapter arrangement of a Bible commentary.

Bible handbooks then become brief reference volumes for the Bible student who has few or no commentaries.

Chapter-by-chapter summaries of the entire text of the Bible and the archaeological and historical background help provide a good introduction to each book of the Bible. The most famous and most highly recommended by Bible scholars is *Halley's Bible Handbook* (Zondervan). An equally helpful tool is the *Unger's Bible Handbook* (Moody).

Since we commonly study the Bible in English and since many Bible students have little knowledge of the original language, an English language dictionary is a must in Bible study.

Much can be gleaned from the meaning of an English word used to translate the original word, and the etymologies or histories of English words can do much to provide insight into the facets of the interpretation of words used in the English text.

A good desk dictionary like *Webster's New World Dictionary* (Collins-World) or the *American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* (American Heritage) would be excellent purchases.

The basic Bible study library then includes:

- Good cross-reference Bible
- Exhaustive concordance
- Bible dictionary
- Bible atlas
- Bible handbook
- English language dictionary

These few volumes will provide you, the Bible student, with tools necessary for discovering on your own some of the truths of Scripture. With the exclusion of the Bible and the English language dictionary, \$50 will purchase this basic library—a reasonable investment in the joy of personal discovery.

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## **The Times and the Seasons**

Pat Landers Dixon

**M**y husband has taught me many lessons in 19 years of marriage.

The breaker box in the garage does have some relation to the electrical current in our house. Bream fish like crickets and catalpa worms for bait. The end of the week is not the best time to number all the checks I have written since the previous Monday.

The most prized lesson was how to use certain "tools" in my personal Bible study.

He did this as a true master teacher: by example and explanation. He shares his study and books with me. Sometimes, he comes very near to revoking the privilege when he finds my oil paints or odds and ends from my current craft fad stuffed in a study corner or cabinet.

I have heard wives of pastors, other church personnel, laymen and seminarians say, "My husband has time to teach his church, his class, his young people, etc., but he never takes me by myself and teaches me."

How sad! I do hope some of those men read this article and examine their responsibility in this area. True, a husband may teach while his wife sits among the listeners; individualized instruction is needed, too.

Word studies are a favorite kind of Bible study for me. A particular word found in a verse or spoken in the pastor's message may capture my attention. For example, I am beginning a study of the words *excel* and *excellence*. Why should Christians—students, to be specific—try to excel in all they do? Or should they? Is the goal of achieving

excellence too full of pride?

Mr. Dixon has also introduced me to certain books for use in study: *Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible*, W.E. Vine's *Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, *The New Englishman's Greek Concordance*, M.R. Vincent's *Word Studies in the New Testament* and William Barclay's *New Testament Words*.

He also suggests I read books which discuss current theological topics. After I read them, we talk about them; I learn.

In return for his teaching, I help him by scanning several religious magazines which come into our home monthly. Certain marked articles are left on his desk for him to read. They may contain information or topics for his preparation of messages. Or, there may be question marks in the margins concerning a statement which puzzles me.

His instruction in Bible study has continued with our son. Our family has been using a systematic study of the New Testament for three years. We will finish that portion of the Bible in 1980.

I remember when Paul showed his newborn son his books in 1962 and said, "Son, my books are your books. If you ever want to read them, just ask." At the time, his father's library was housed in two bookcases in our small apartment. This offer was carried through when Paul gave Scott a bibliography to aid his study of the Bible.

After he read a book and reported its contents either orally or through a written page, a certain amount of money went into his college education bank account. Now, our son has begun his own library.

Not only does my husband love me, he teaches me. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for giving him a heart to love, an ear to listen and a tongue to instruct.

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## **ITINERARIES**

**President Paul Dixon, October 1-2** Wisconsin State Fall Rally (WARBC), Wisconsin Rapids, WI; **6** West Virginia Youth Rally, Paden City, WV; **7** Monongah Baptist Church, Monongah, WV; **8-9** Freedom Baptist Fellowship, Fellowship, Clarksburg, WV; **14** Faith Baptist Church, Greenville, OH; **21** Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine, OH; **23-24** First Baptist Church, Gallipolis, OH; **28-31** Kansas City Baptist Temple, Kansas City, MO; **November 10** Tri-Cities Area Association of Independent Baptist Churches, Endwell, NY; **11** Park Avenue Baptist Church, Binghamton, NY; **17-18** Ridgewood Baptist Church, Joliet, IL; **21** Hagerman Baptist Church, Waterloo, IA (area Thanksgiving ser-

vices); **25** Bible Baptist Church, Kokomo, IN; **December 9** Calvary Baptist Church, Ypsilanti, MI.

**Chancellor James T. Jeremiah, October 1-3** Faith Baptist Church, Fowler, CO; **7** Grace Baptist Church, Pueblo, CO; **8-10** Colorado Pastors' Retreat; **10-12** Grace Baptist Church, Pueblo, CO; **13-17** Berean Baptist Church, Pueblo, CO; **21** South Holly Baptist Church, Littleton, CO; **November 2-4** Fellowship Baptist Church, Lorain, OH; **3** Hebron Youth Rally, Lorain, OH; **10-14** Baptist Mid-Missions, Immanuel Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, IN; **18-21**, First Baptist Church, Blanchester, OH; **25-18** Chamblissburg Baptist Church, Moneta, VA; **December 2-5** Pine Hills Baptist Church, Columbus, OH.



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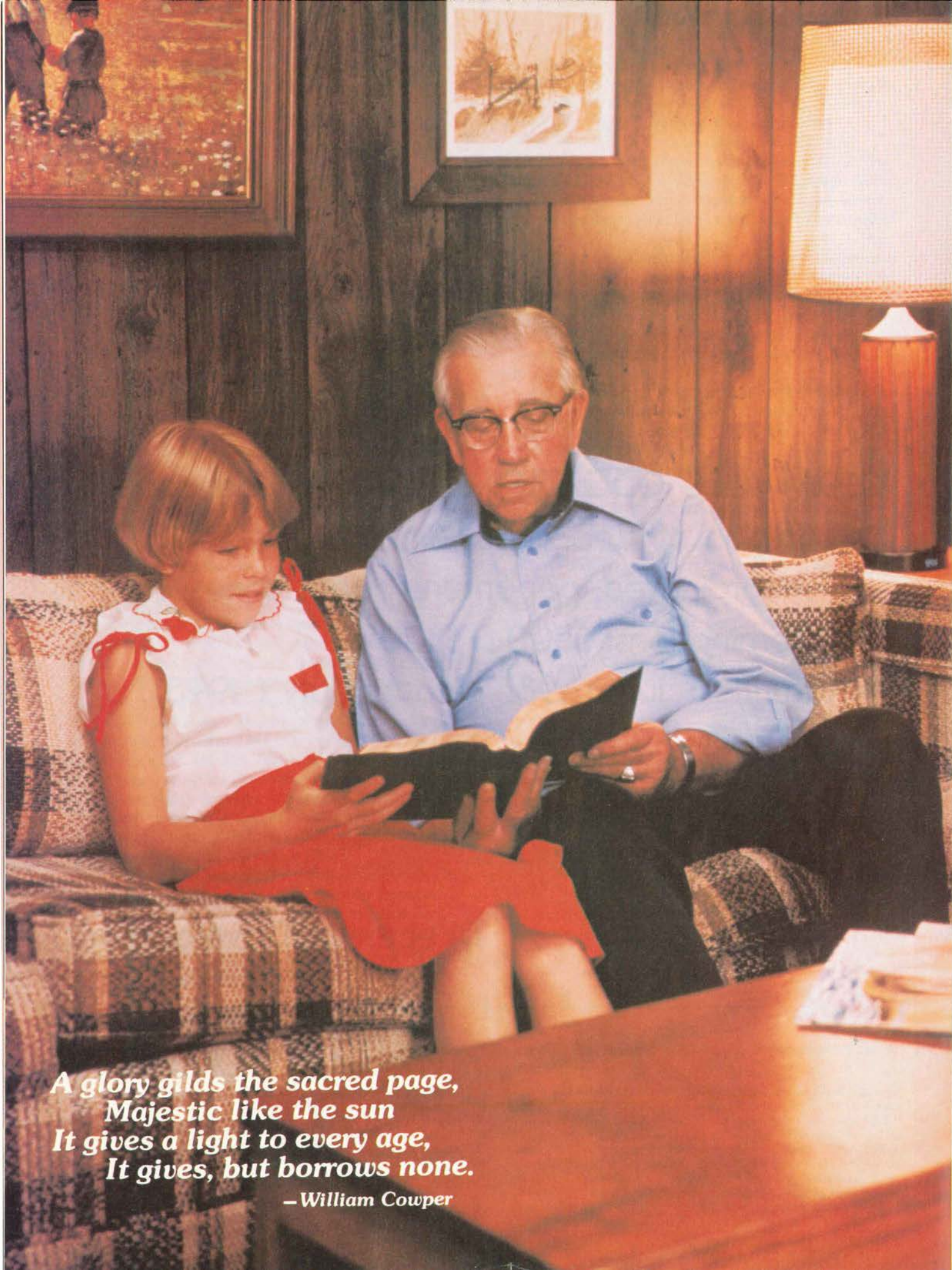
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Majestic like the sun  
It gives a light to every age,  
It gives, but borrows none.*

*—William Cowper*